

VILLAGE OF MAYBROOK BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING- SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR DENNIS K LEAHY, TRUSTEE NOREEN REYNOLDS, TRUSTEE KEVIN GREANY, TRUSTEE JAMES R BARNETT

MEMBERS ABSENT: DEPUTY MAYOR ROBERT PRITCHARD (DUE TO FAMILY EMERGENCY) MAYOR ASKED ALL TO KEEP HIS FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS

ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY JOHN AHERN, ENGINEER SEAN HOFFMAN, SERGEANT MICHAEL MARESCA, DPW SUPERINTENDENT MATTHEW THORP, CLERK-TREASURER VALENTINA JOHNSON

PUBLIC PRESENT: LISA A AMTHOR, ALICE M AMTHOR, LT. ALEX LANDOLINO, OFFICER KEVIN GREANY, OFFICER JOHN HANK, AMANDA SPADARO (THR), JASPREET GILL(WVT), LAUREN PALEY DONNA BARLETTA, CHARLES D WOZNICK, ROBERT J. ADMIRAND, MAUREEN F ADMIRAND, ALYSSA ADMIRAND, LORRAINE GREANY, WILLIAM D SCHIMPF, STEPHEN RAGNI, CLARICE HANK, DONNA HANK,JOHN HANK JR, BOBBY MONTANARO, CATHERINE LYNCH, RIGEL BYRNE, DEVYN MCGRATH, MIKE C., LINDSAY MCGANN, NICK BEDETTI, DET. P C FREDERICK, TIM HANK, COURTNEY MAZZA, JENNIFER WOZNICK, ALYSSA SCHOLZ, JOSEPH BYRNE

Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

It is with deep sadness that the Village Board has been informed of the passing of Marge Evans on September 22, 2017, Marge and her predeceased husband Marvin were President and Vice President of the Maybrook Golden Links for many years. After the passing of Marvin, Marge continued on her own as President and soon after stepped down for health reasons. Marge was a wonderful lady and will be missed by all who knew her. Today, we send our condolences to her son Michael and wish him comfort in the memories he has of his mother and father. Please join me in a moment of silence to remember Marge Evans.

Before we begin tonight's Awards Ceremony, I'd like to welcome everyone to the Village of Maybrook and introduce our distinguished guests here with us this evening.

- Orange County Executive, *Steven Neuhaus*

- Village of Maybrook Deputy Mayor ***Bob Pritchard*** had a family emergency and can't be with us this evening. I ask everyone to please keep his family in your prayers. He requested that I congratulate the Police Officers on his behalf.
- Village of Maybrook Trustee ***Noreen Reynolds***
- Village of Maybrook Trustee ***Kevin Greany***
- Village of Maybrook Trustee ***Jim Barnett***

On May 16, 2017, at approximately 3:15 AM the Town of Montgomery Police Department received a walk-in complaint regarding a domestic altercation at 812 Abbey Avenue, in the Village of Maybrook. At approximately 8:35 AM, Town of Montgomery police along with Village of Maybrook Police responded to 812 Abbey Avenue, and attempted to contact and effect the arrest of the suspect. He refused to exit his apartment after he was advised of his impending arrest. Officers had prior information that the suspect had made suicidal comments earlier that day. Police continually tried to engage him in conversation and coax him out of the apartment. Communication between the suspect and the police ceased after about 40 minutes as he left the area near the apartment door and went deeper into the apartment. Fearing that the suspect intended to commit suicide due to his impending arrest and comments, officers breached the apartment door and entered the apartment. At the time they entered the apartment, police were aware that he had a prior criminal history. Once inside the apartment, officers encountered the suspect hiding in a bathroom area at the end of a hallway. After he refused to exit the bathroom, or show officers his hands, he abruptly produced a semi-automatic pistol and fired one round toward three police officers in the hallway. The round struck Police Chief Arnold Amthor in the upper left shoulder. A Town of Montgomery officer returned fire multiple times as the Chief was removed from the area by other police officers. After the exchange of gunfire, approximately ten seconds elapsed, and then a single muffled shot could be heard coming from the bathroom area. Officers then vacated the apartment and established a containment perimeter around the house. The entire incident, from the time officers entered the apartment, until they left, was captured by a body camera worn by the officer who returned fire. Multiple agencies responded to assist and upon entry into the premise several hours later, the suspect was found deceased due to a self-inflicted gunshot wound. As Mayor of the Village of Maybrook and on behalf of the Village Board

we wish to formally recognize the following members of the Town of Montgomery Police Department and the Village of Maybrook Police Department and bestow upon them awards of recognition for their heroic actions on that day.

Sergeant Michael Maresca, Village of Maybrook Police Department

- **Life Saving Award**

Police Officer Kevin Greany, Village of Maybrook Police Department

- **Life Saving Award**
- **Combat Cross**

Lieutenant Alex Landolina III, Town of Montgomery Police Department

- **Life Saving Award**
- **Combat Cross**

Police Officer John Hank, Town of Montgomery Police Department

- **Life Saving Award**
- **Combat Cross**
- **Medal of Honor**

At this time, I would like to ask Chief Amthor's wife Lisa and his mother Alice to join me on behalf of Chief Arnold Amthor, of the Town of Montgomery Police Department and who also serves as Police Chief for the Village of Maybrook.

Chief Amthor could not be here with us this evening because he is still recovering from the incident. On behalf of the Village of Maybrook Board of Trustees, we wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him back to his duties as Chief in the Town of Montgomery and the Village of Maybrook.

- **Combat Cross**
- **Purple Heart**

Presented flowers to Chief Amthor's wife Lisa and mother Alice on behalf of the Village of Maybrook Board of Trustees.

As Mayor of the Village of Maybrook and on behalf of the Village of Maybrook Board of Trustees, I wish to convey our deepest appreciation to the dedicated officers from both departments who were involved in this life-threatening incident. Last but not least, I'd like to publicly acknowledge and thank all of the agencies that responded, including but not limited to the New York State Police, Orange County Sheriff, and Orange County District Attorney.

We will take a 15 minute break and begin our Village Board Meeting.

Thank you everyone for coming and get home safely!

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Barnett, approving the minutes of the September 11, 2017 meeting as presented. 4 ayes, 0 nays.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & CLAIMS

Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Greany, approving the following bills and claims as audited by the Board of Trustees:

GENERAL	\$49,846.30
WATER	\$19,362.20
SEWER	\$17,977.80
PAYROLL	<u>\$ 592.95</u>
TOTAL	\$87,779.25

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, authorizing the following transfer of funds to cover deficit line in the budget as requested by Clerk-Treasurer:

From: 7550.400A, Celebrations

To: 7510.400A, Historian Contractual

Amount: \$130.00

PUBLIC HEARING

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW #6 OF 2017 AMENDING CHAPTER 149 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF MAYBROOK ENTITLED PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Clerk read the Notice of Hearing and presented the Affidavit of Publication.

Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Greany, to open the Public Hearing at 7:38PM. 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mayor advised we are having the Public Hearing a little later due to the Police Recognitions given tonight, but we did ask prior if anyone was here for the Public Hearing and no one was here for that tonight.

Mayor explained the local law is being put in place for some residents that are making their front yards for collecting and storing lawn mowers(several) and other equipment and things and we are trying to keep the village looking nice. Trustee Barnett thanked Attorney for coming up with the law.

Village Justice William Schimpf asked what is the legal ramifications of this?

Attorney John Ahern advised they can be cited and brought into court and fined.

Village Justice Schimpf asked if there is a schedule attached to the local law?

Attorney advised there is no fine schedule, this is done by the Court, it is up to the Village Justice.

Mayor advised it falls into the court.

Village Justice advised he just wants to make sure there is no schedule, o.k. no problem.

Trustee Barnett advised and it could be for the tenant or the owner. This is good it's giving Tim more for him to use to clean up violations.

Charles D. Woznick advised this is good, it's for more gear.

Attorney Ahern advised it applies to everyone, businesses too, all properties in the village.

Mayor read items included in the local law.

Motion by Trustee Greany, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, to close the Public Hearing. 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Greany, approving to Assume Lead Agency. 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, approving as an Unlisted Action. 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion by Trustee Greany, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, approving a Negative Declaration for SEQRA. 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion by Trustee Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Barnett, approving to adopt Local Law #6 of 2017. 4 ayes, 0 nays.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. RESOLUTION, APPLICATION FOR JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM- Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Greany, authorizing Village Justice William J Schimpf to file an application for a variety of purposes, including office and security equipment, furniture, courtroom and court facility

improvements and renovations from the New York State Office of Court Administration 2017-18 Justice Court Assistance Program, up to \$30,000. 4 ayes, 0 nays.

2. JCO REPORT, AUGUST 2017- Trustee Greany advised all 's good. Rec. & filed.
3. LETTER, DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE- Mayor advised we applied but we were denied, but we got our name out there and tried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. **Maybrook Women's Recreation Softball-** the Women's Recreation Softball is scheduled to play their make-up games this Tuesday, September 26th and end on Tuesday, October 3rd.
2. **Adult Co-ed Chicago Softball-** Chicago Softball is off to a good start. Two weeks into the season. The teams we have in the program are having a good time. We have been very fortunate that the weather has been great for the first two weeks. Hope the nice weather continues. Next games scheduled for this Friday, September 29th.
3. **Clark Place Paving-** The Paving of Clarke Place was rescheduled from last week to begin tomorrow, Tuesday. The Project Manager from Tilcon informed me last Thursday that weather has been an issue all summer for paving projects and that state and county roads are priorities over towns and villages. I received another call from the Project Manager at Tilcon today informing me that they had an electrical issue at the plant and lost a day in the process. He informed me that Clarke Place is now on the schedule to be paved by Thursday. In the meantime, water and calcium liquid have been put down on the roadway to help reduce dust. Unfortunately, the paving of the road is performed by a contractor and out of our hands. On a positive note, the weather is supposed to be nice for the remainder of the week. As always, we thank everyone for their patience and we hope to move this paving project along safely and expeditiously as possible.
4. **Economic Development-** Early this evening, I attended our monthly Economic Development Meeting. Our Village Planner Max Stach has presented the Deputy Mayor Bob Pritchard and I copies of the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement which is our Zoning Code Amendments and creation for the Downtown Design District. The Economic Development Staff has been copied and will be reviewing and amending if necessary. Then it will be presented to the Village Board. I'd like to inform residents that we are moving as fast as possible to move economic development along in the Village of Maybrook. I've had some very promising meetings with investors over the past few weeks and I'm hopeful we will be seeing some changes for the better in the months to come. We will keep the residents informed of any new updates.
5. **Town of Montgomery Chamber of Commerce 34th Annual Business Awards Dinner-** On Wednesday, September 13, 2017, the Town of Montgomery Chamber of Commerce held its 34th Annual Business Awards Dinner at the Village of Maybrook Senior Center. Trustee Kevin Greany and I attended the event. I wish to publicly congratulate the 2017 Business Award Recipients; Lightning Auto Maybrook, NY,

Barnside Grill Walden, NY, Access Physical Therapy and Wellness Montgomery, NY and Angry Orchard Walden, NY . I was extremely surprised and honored that the Town of Montgomery Chamber of Commerce “2017 Partner of the Award” was presented to the Village of Maybrook! I know I speak for the entire Village Board in that we really appreciate the members of Town of Montgomery Chamber of Commerce and we really hope to see more businesses from the Village of Maybrook in the next few years. As I said that evening, I’m extremely proud and honored to accept the Town of Montgomery Chamber of Commerce “2017 Partner of the Year Award”.

6. **Village of Maybrook and VFW Post 2064 & Auxiliary “Run for Homeless Heroes” 5k Race/Walk** -VILLAGE OF MAYBROOK AND VFW POST 2064 & AUXILIARY will host our 2nd Annual “Run for Homeless Heroes” Classic 5k Run and Walk which will be held on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28nd. All of the proceeds will benefit homeless veterans. This information along with the registration form and online registration is also available on the Village of Maybrook website.
7. **Orange County Youth Soccer Program**- started their “Fall” season September 16th. Some may have noticed that the program is being played in the Frederick Myers Veterans Memorial Park. The program was moved down to the Frederick Myers Memorial Park so work can be done on the Soccer Field grass in the David Weiss Memorial Park. The Orange County Youth Soccer Program will be working with the Village of Maybrook DPW to restore the grass and hopefully be able to resume play on the Soccer Field in Spring 2018.
8. **Village of Maybrook “Community Shred Day”**- will be held on Friday, September 29th from 8 am to noon. Residents are welcome to safely discard old documents and bills by bringing them here to the Maybrook Government Center FREE of charge!
9. **Maybrook “PINK” for October**- On September 11th, the Maybrook Board of Trustees unanimously proclaimed **October Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the Village of Maybrook** which is an annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease. While most people are aware of breast cancer, many forget to take the steps to have a plan to detect the disease in its early stages and encourage others to do the same. The Village of Maybrook is a proud sponsor of this great cause and support awareness for early detection. Pink ribbons will be displayed at the Maybrook Government Center. Residents are welcome to display them as well.
10. **Village of Maybrook “Fall” Community Yard Sale**- will be held on Saturday, October 7th from 8am to 3pm in the village.
11. **Next Scheduled Village Board Meeting**- will be held on Wednesday, October 11th. The Village of Maybrook Government Center and the George C. Bullis Community Center will be CLOSED on Monday, October 9th in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday.
12. **Village of Maybrook Website**- as always, a reminder that the Village of Maybrook website is up and running so please check it regularly at www.villageofmaybrook.com.

TRUSTEES’ REPORTS

TRUSTEE KEVIN GREANY-Advised both Dennis and he were surprised to receive the award from the Town of Montgomery Chamber, very grateful.

Advised it was a great ceremony tonight, happy Chief's getting better, shows a lot of true teamwork and professionalism by these officers.

TRUSTEE JAMES R BARNETT-Advised the ceremony was beautiful and very meaningful, he has known a couple of these officers , seems like forever, it's well deserved, glad that day turned out o.k., hopes the Chief back soon.

Thanked Engineer Sean Hoffman for all he did with Bluestone, they just got the c/o's for Building #3.

Advised we're getting some nice homes soon near Prospect Avenue, this is all part of having EDC and just what the Mayor wants.

Thanked Joe Byrne for running for the School Board and handling East End Bus Company, and asked Joe to please convey to Sheila and the rest of the Board.

TRUSTEE NOREEN REYNOLDS- Advised tonight was very meaningful and moving, they all stepped up and thank goodness we have them here in the village.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

DPW SUPERINTENDENT MATTHEW THORP- Advised hopefully Clark Place will be done Thursday while he's having surgery.

Advised there is still a list of other things to finish up.

Advised he finished the 2018-19 requirements for salt.

Advised wells #3 and #6 are back online.

ENGINEER SEAN HOFFMAN- Advised on Country Club Drive sidewalk improvements, will review with Kelly when she returns.

Advised on Planning Board, Maybrook Glen sent him a Phasing Plan, Bluestone Commons cleared up most of the items required and have some remaining items.

Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Greany, meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM. 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Valentina Johnson

Village Clerk-Treasurer

